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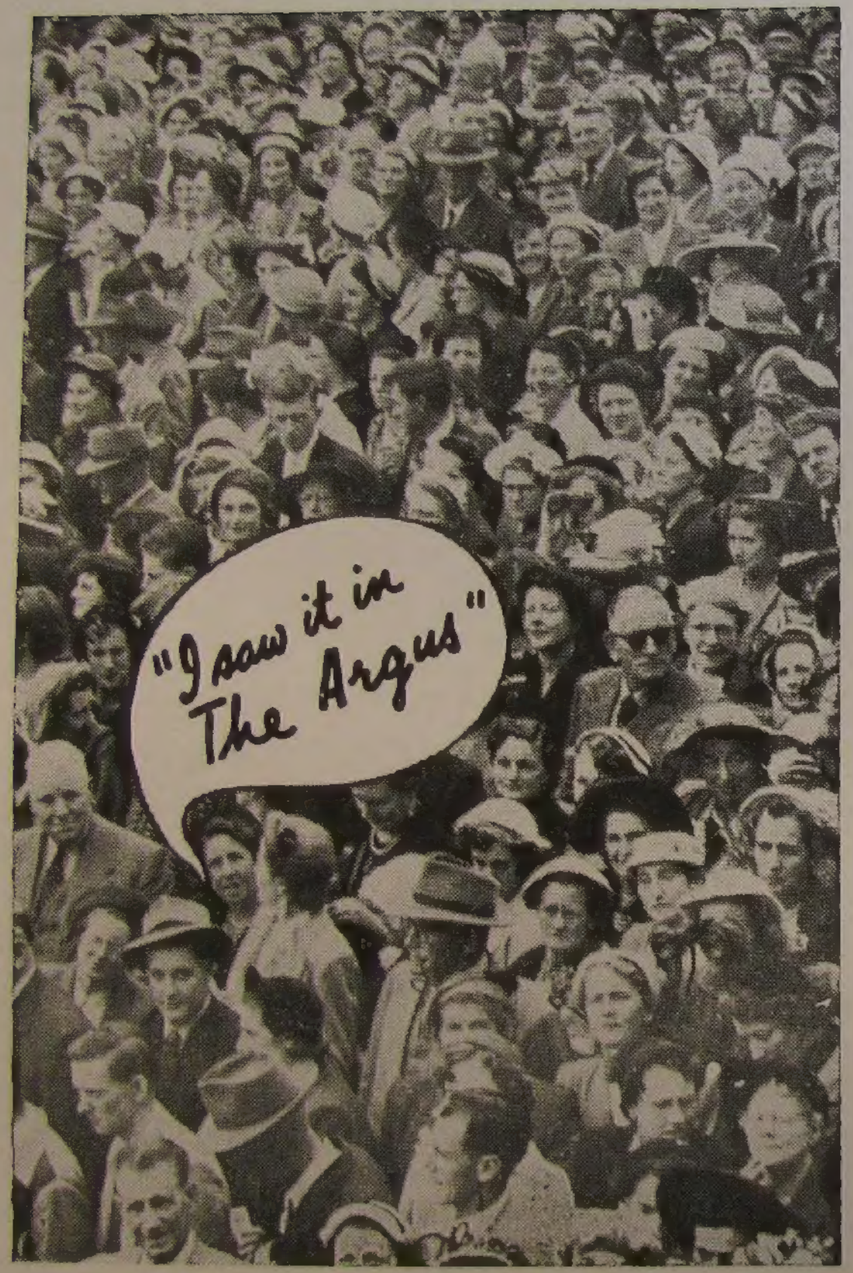

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CORNER KICKS

By KEVIN LOTT

BACKROOM NOISES

Believe two First Division clubs are protesting over eligibility of certain player. Result might have a lot of bearing on the League table at the end of the season. Could become a highlight.

IRON MAN

Weymess, Moreland half, had plenty of bearing in his team's success against "Yarra". His ball control and placement often paved the way to his team's goals. South Yarra men spoke very highly of him.

LACK OF JACK?

Was Hakoah's narrow escape at Footscray due to loss of their skipper, Tom Jack, or have Footscray been holding out? Lucky to get away with the points, they say.

WEDDING BELLS

Congrats. to Eric Heath (Moreland) who was married last Saturday.

Also Roga Parvin (Brighton) who will be saying his bit next Monday. Sails the same day for the "Old Dart".

Best of luck, fellows.

FIND!

Young Jim Johnson, Polonia's "find", with a little experience, should become a player of standing. His game on Saturday showed he has the right temperament for the job.

Meet Murray Masterson, the "Sun" soccer scribe. A newcomer to our ranks, has played in England and New Zealand, where he hails from. I'm sure his reports will satisfy us all as he has the game at heart, and is a very keen enthusiast.

THIRTY PIECES!

Nearly fell for being a referee. Mr. Van Pelt saved me. I thought it was £30 a game. Imagine my disappointment when told 30 "bob". Boy, they sure earn it!

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Our Cover

Fine action shot of ARTHUR SCOTT (Brighton goalie) taken by "Soccer News" photographer, Sam Gold.

Referees and Coaches are required for schoolboys' soccer on Wednesday afternoons.

Shift Workers and others who have time available and are anxious to assist promoting soccer, should contact the V.A.S.F.A. Director of School Soccer, V. J. F. Dixon, 2 Cowper Street, Sandringham, S.8. XW 4134.

EDITORIAL

All communications re Soccer News must reach The Editor, V. J. M. Dixon, 2 Cowper Street, Sandringham, S.8, by first post on Monday.

With a good turn-up at Albert Park last Sunday morning Coach Len Young looks like having the nucleus at least of his "Colts", which plays its first fixture next Sunday afternoon in the Fourth Division against Slovakia. Len Young is enthusiastic about our "up-and-comers" and feels we have some fine young talent. We're glad to hear it because "Soccer News" has thought so for a long time.

This Colts scheme is an excellent one for the future of the game lies only too obviously on the local boys for any fall of the migration figures must of necessity lower the standard of the game here unless our own boys are given the opportunity of correct coaching and experience in good company.

With but two weeks to go to the V.A.S.F.A. annual ball, tickets are selling and an excellent night is assured for all. Many clubs have arranged parties and some — including Prahran — are taking their team as guests to the ball. If your club has made no arrangements, see that they do so before it is too late. Tables can still be arranged for club and private parties. This is the chance of the year to meet all the soccer people together as one big happy family. BE IN IT!

Surprise of last week's First Division games was Prahran's draw with J.U.S.T 2-2 at Como Park. The local side was two up at one stage and could easily have won but for a silly case of hands in the "area". In the second half J.U.S.T. fought hard and had most of the play, but never really looked like scoring. One was left with the feeling that a J.U.S.T. forward line without Alempijevic — just isn't.

Prahran, as a result, gain a very badly needed point which gives them a one-point lead on Box Hill, who lost to Juventus at the Showgrounds.

Moreland picked up a handy couple of points in their win over South Yarra by 5-2 at Campbell Reserve. "The Yarra" put up a much harder fight than they did in the earlier game at Fawkner Park, and are a much improved side, but they still need four points to get out of the relegation zone.

One of the hardest games of the day was at Footscray, where the local boys lost by the only goal to Hakoah. Footscray were far from outclassed by the Jewish side, and never let up.

Brighton, at Hurlingham Park instead of Elsternwick, entertained Polonia, who held the "seasiders" to a draw. The Polish side has got themselves a new young centre-forward who looks like making a name for himself.

This week's League Dockerty Cup fixtures are "out" for it had been intended to entertain N.S.W. and play two games against them on Saturday and Monday. However, our northern friends decided to split their strength and tour Queensland at the same time. Also, they wanted to play on Sun-

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Council Round-up

THE COST TO YOU

The question of charges to spectators at various grounds was brought before Council by Mr. Lang, who said that in no other country was there such a diversity of prices. It was his opinion that it was the duty of the Association to standardise prices to the outer ground whilst leaving stand charges the prerogative of the clubs concerned.

The problems confronting clubs in this regard, such as cost of grounds, varying degrees of popularity of clubs, etc., were pointed out by Mr. Dixon and Mr. Horrobin.

Mr. Kerr mentioned that he had heard strong complaints about one particular club increasing its charge from 2/6 to 3/-.

Many supporters were being driven away from the game by increased charges was the opinion of several members, but Mr. Skolnik stated that in his opinion an extra 6d. would not drive away any supporter of the game.

It was pointed out by the Chairman, Mr. W. R. Thomas, that Brighton Club had for consideration at its next meeting, the recommendation that the charge at Elsternwick Park should be increased from 2/6 to 3/-. We must keep charges reasonable, he said, but we must at the same time give clubs the opportunity to meet the heavy commitments involved.

Mr. Rothfield stated that in view of the difficulty of tenures of some grounds and many other difficulties, the admission charge was entirely a matter for the clubs. It was suggested by Mr. Dodd that in view of the various opinions and differing conditions, a solution might be found in ruling that all clubs should submit their admission charges to the Council of the Association for approval.

A number of motions were put by members, but it was finally decided that Council should take no action in the matter, thereby leaving the charges to the discretion of the clubs concerned.

BAD PUBLICITY!

Mr. Defris brought up the very serious matter of highly distorted reports appearing in certain organs of the daily press. On Monday, June 7, a report had appeared in the "Age" that a "brawl" had occurred at Footscray on Saturday, June 5. In actual fact no brawl of any kind had occurred said Mr. Defris. This was also confirmed by Mr. Skolnik and other witnesses, including a representative of another newspaper, who was present at the game.

The writer of the offending report was not, in fact, at the game in question. This is not by any means the first time that unfavourable publicity had been given to the game by members of the press, who professed to have the good of soccer at heart.

HEYINGTON OVAL

Saturday, June 19

HAKOAH v. PRAHRAN

Saturday, June 26 — Second Round Dockerty Cup

HAKOAH v. ST. ALBANS

INTER-VARSITY SOCCER CARNIVAL

By GEOFF DOBB

By convincingly defeating both Sydney and Melbourne, Adelaide University deservedly won the Napier Cup for the first time since its inception in 1947. Melbourne (cup-holders) never displayed its true form and, unexpectedly, obtained the wooden spoon.

The feature of the carnival was the brilliant combination of Adelaide's Malayan forwards which, backed by a tenacious defence and good goalkeeping, resulted in an unusually strong Varsity XI. Sydney were soundly defeated by Adelaide, but improved markedly against Melbourne, whose form, allowing for the absence of four key players, was disappointing.

The first match (Adelaide five, defeating Sydney one) was an upset as Adelaide were the "underdogs". However, after an even first half, Sydney tired badly and Adelaide's Malayan forwards created havoc.

On June 2, Adelaide found Melbourne a tougher proposition, but by winning 3-1, won the coveted cup. The visitors quickly scored and although Melbourne attacked strongly, the Adelaide defence proved sound.

In the second half, Adelaide maintained their superiority — although Melbourne, scoring through Salter, tried hard.

In the final varsity match Melbourne were favoured to atone for the Adelaide defeat, but when their defence became disorganised through injury, the Sydney team won easily 6-1. Melbourne took an early lead, but Sydney recovered well and frequently beat an uncertain home defence.

A friendly match on June 4 proved the Malayan's superiority when a Malayan students XI defeated a combined Varsity XI 6-1 in an unofficial match.

The Napier Cup was presented to Adelaide at the presentation dinner before a distinguished gathering at the Hotel Mayfair. Soccer personalities present included Messrs. Dockerty, Oliphant and Dawson. The M.U.S.F.C. would like to congratulate all players on their clean play and thanks the Press, Mr. Dignam (Referees' Association), Mr. Tickner (University Sports Union), Newman College and the University groundsmen for their aid in making the carnival a success.

UNIVERSITY

Whilst in recent matches University have failed badly on paper, the club has actually played well until the teams have faded in the second half.

In the Dockerty Cup, South Melbourne finished strongly to win 4-2. University had early superiority and led for long periods through goals scored by Chong (2). However, cup-ties are of 90 minutes duration and the home team finished better.

In the Harry Armstrong Cup University were hosts to Box Hill, who could only score twice in an even first half. University forwards missed several chances, but eventually the "Hillmen" took control and won 9-0.

Playing short and with injuries, the Second XI played well on June 5 against the leaders, St. Albans, in the first half — taking an early lead and being only 3-5 down at lemon time. The home team rallied in the second half and piled on nine goals against the tired University defence.

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HOME and AWAY

By REX BENSON

WALKOVERS

It is disheartening to hear so many "walkovers" taking place in the lower leagues, sometimes in the Second Division. One preventative measure would be to obtain a bond from every club at the start of the season, redeemable at the close of the season, providing the club fulfilled its obligations. Any club winding-up would thus have to do so at the right time, and not inconvenience others.

SUMMARY FROM THE SHOWGROUNDS

Juventus completed the double over Box Hill in no uncertain fashion and although the latter were weakened by injuries, sickness, and "any other adversity", the same could be said for the home side.

Plateo was again on the mark, but it was a case of "you can't do that there 'ere" when he gave goalkeeper McArthur, who was jumping to cut out a centre, a push in the back on the blind side of the referee. Goalkeepers cannot go straight up and then suddenly forward, so Referee Hutchinson was able to spot the foul.

Box Hill have a "find" in 23-years-old Bill McArthur, a recent arrival from Ayrshire. He has made the goalkeeping berth his own, and will doubtless be playing for Scotland in the Laidlaw Cup, if last Saturday is a true indication.

Juventus frittered away chances almost up until half-time by fiddling, like the well-known Roman of old, instead of shooting when inside the distance. On the other hand Box Hill hardly looked like scoring, and Mioni in goal for the winners, could have brought along an arm-chair. He was not tested at all.

Box Hill must definitely be considered a strong contender for the lower grade next season. Unfortunately for them the last two heavy defeats, one with a man injured, has given them an unhealthy goal average which will be on the debit side in the final reckoning.

MASSEUR

Is the State team in need of an official masseur or trainer? If so, Louis Lazzari, the "genial giant" who attends to the Juventus team, would fill the bill. He has spent years at the Repatriation Hospital, Heidelberg, getting unused muscles of old crocks like myself back into use.

GEORGE CROSS

Are George Cross really that good? After being in the doldrums so soon after winning the Third Division Championship from Juventus they now stand a chance not only of going up to the First Division, but of being top of the League while doing so. The premier division will then look very thin of local teams as two of the latter are certain to go down this season. At this rate it will be Brighton holding the fort among the National sides, unless they themselves slump when the "old faithfuls" retire from the game.

The challenge that will soon be coming from such clubs as Slavia, Hellenic and Wilhelmina must not be ignored if Australian sides are not going to be content to play second fiddle in a very short time.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,—Enclosed is a report of the match, Essendon Under 14 v. Sunshine City Under 14, played at Essendon on May 29, as sent by Sunshine City Club to a local newspaper.

If you would reprint all, or part of the report, I would draw your attention, and the attention of those interested in the welfare of our juniors, to the following:—

1. The report is not factual — the player (only one) and club were "reported" for abusing the referee and questioning his decisions.

2. There is a RULE prohibiting coaching from the sidelines.

3. The attitude of this manager (and/or club), and any other manager or club, in writing such a report is most detrimental to the game. Our referees, both senior and junior, have a difficult enough job as it is, without having to contend with personal abuse, either on the field or in the press.

—Yours sincerely, W. Bradshaw.

The article referred to is as follows:—

"Under 15 team went under to the Essendon team at Essendon by 4-1.

"After waiting nearly half an hour for the home team to get set, and receive their instruction, City started off in good style, and were the superior soccer team, but they had to play second fiddle to the boisterous kick and rush tactics of the bigger Essendon boys.

"An officious, un-official referee had the audacity to report players and manager for "coaching" players whilst the game was in progress. This is gross stupidity, for on all grounds, all over the world, players tell each other what to do, and millions of spectators voice their opinion of everything in general.

"Even in Highbury, the home of the great 'Arsenal', a special box has been constructed where Tom Whittaker, the 'Gunners' manager, tick-tacks instructions to the players on the field."

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EDITORIAL (continued)

day and Monday instead of Saturday and Monday, so as not to interfere with their Saturday Club fixtures. This did not suit Victoria at all, who stated "No Saturday — No Tour."

So, this weekend, instead the V.A.S.F.A. is staging the first of the Laidlaw Cup Sunday International games, and Third and Fourth Division games brought forward from August 28, as stated in "Soccer News" last week.

Today at Toorak Park, Orrong Road, Jugoslavia plays Malta with a curtain-raiser, Latvia v. Holland at 1.30 p.m.

On Sunday at Heyington Oval, Poland plays Israel with Slovakia v Czechoslovakia as curtain-raiser.

On Monday Italy plays Greece and Ukrainia plays England as curtain-raiser, so plenty of good football is assured to all of us.

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"DID YOU KNOW?"

By JOHN OLIPHANT

Last week down at Brighton some people amused themselves by abusing the referee for a change.

On the other hand, the more sane ones found something more profitable to do, and here is a fair description of what I heard and saw:

Four take part in it, each one being allotted one corner of the field. Each time a corner kick is given the man having the lucky corner collects from the other three. By the way, a corner was worth 1/-. Each man sticks to the same corner throughout the game, regardless of the half-time changeover.

I should like to make it clear that I don't believe in gambling on soccer, but some people have to sustain their interest by fair means or foul, not that I consider a shilling a corner very foul.

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In the old days (when the pound note was worth twenty shillings) a bottle of champagne was poured over boxers' heads to freshen 'em up.

Is there anything in the Rules which forbids the same practice to be used at some of our soccer games, as some of our players could do with a good "booster tonic" after the first 45 minutes. Club officials please take notice that to give your players a whiff of oxygen would cost you less!

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Mr. Len Young addressed a Junior Association meeting on June 2 at Scott's Hotel.

Here is the advice he gave to officials and players: Study the Rules of the game as this is the first step to good soccer, and he went on to say that more time is being lost through not understanding the Rules, than any other cause.

Len told us a story about a referee who made a big mistake, and he realised it, so he walked over to his linesman and asked him if it was raining. The linesman nodded with his head "no", and the referee then gave the signal to play on. Of course everyone was happy and satisfied as a result of linesman and referee agreeing on the decision.

Well, Len, this is a new one on me, and it just shows you that one is never too old to learn.

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As you all know by now "Soccer Round-up" can be heard every Saturday night at 7 p.m. from 3XY.

Make sure that you don't miss listening in to "Soccer Round-up" on June 12 as we are bringing to you a very interesting but unusual interview with the Chairman and Secretary of the Essendon Junior Soccer Club. They are both 14 years old and are the youngest soccer administrators in Melbourne. The Essendon boys are the sole founders of their junior club. Well, if this is not enthusiasm, then I just don't know what is.

So, don't forget, Saturday, 7 p.m., June 12, on 3XY.

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POT SHOTS

By "ONLOOKER"

HAT TRICK FOR JUVENTUS?

Results of last week's games confirmed the superiority of the Juventus side. Their 4-0 victory over Box Hill has put them in a sound position to achieve a "hat trick" of First Division championships. Their main rivals at this stage appear to be Hakoah. The Heyington side were fortunate to come away from Footscray with two points, another brilliant goal from Harry Rice did the trick. It was good to see Hakoah select Bob White to fill the vacancy caused by Tom Jack's injury. Bob, who has seen service with Box Hill and Brighton, is a more than useful full-back with a strong kick.

PRAHRAN'S IMPROVED FORM

The way Prahran are fighting back from the relegation zone should put other clubs on their toes when meeting the Como Park team. Their effort against the powerful J.U.S.T. combination last Saturday was unlucky not to have provided full points, only a late penalty goal saved the Yugoslavs. With the cup competition on us again we may see Prahran provide yet another surprise if I remember correctly they beat Juventus 3-2 in one of the early rounds of last season's cup.

IT MAKES YOU LAUGH

You may have read where a local sports promoter would like to build a stadium on City Council parklands. For those who are not fortunate enough to have read a sporting columnist's comments on this matter I will quote them in part: "I'll admit a few acres of Manningham Street Reserve are going to be lost as parklands, but they will still be used for sport. And is there any better use for parklands in a growing community?" Soccer should enlist the aid of this columnist in an endeavour to have the soccer ground at Albert Park enclosed.

WEEKEND SOCCER

This weekend games are a mixed bag of fare. Senior Division teams have a spare Saturday for interstate and local trips. Hakoah's plans to go to Hobart have been upset by a prior arrangement by the local association. The Canterbury Club in Sydney have invited Brighton to play two games. Included in the Canterbury line-up will be Ralph Walker, ex-Brighton stalwart of recent seasons. A round of lower division games scheduled to be played in August have been brought forward. Of course the star attraction of the weekend will be first round of the International Laidlaw Cup when plenty of excitement will be had by supporters, but let's hope for the sake of local soccer that there is not another fracas as was experienced at Olympic Park last season.

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ENTHUSIASM

Preston player, George Dyer, who is only 19 years of age, travels each week, at his own expense, from Euroa (150 miles) to play for his club. He arrives in Melbourne each Friday night and leaves again after the Saturday game. Good luck, George, such enthusiasm deserves success.

Learn with Len Young

Soccer Coaching

The second of a series of articles by the V.A.S.F.A. Official Coach.

Two major difficulties face a coach during the actual playing season here:—

1. Dark evenings — which do not allow a practice game for the introduction of game conditioning — of which there are many of great importance (these I shall deal with later). Also the fostering of teamwork and spirit, and the blooding of young club players under match conditions.

2. Problems arising as to the type of training session that will cover a group of players arriving at different times.

I shall deal with both these teasers at the same time.

Until such time as clubs are able to install a floodlighting system then obviously trial matches, etc., are out of the question, and during evening training sessions, but I must stress the importance of getting players together if it is at all possible, be it only for half an hour or so, sometime over the weekend to carry out practice together. It is all very well to put your ideas on a blackboard and have discussion on them, for this does stimulate the players' thoughts on the game. Five minutes' practical work, however, is more beneficial to everybody concerned than are hours of theory. A good coach will realise the importance of planning a training session that will cover a maximum of physical effort, keep the players interested, bring in variations from time to time, thus preventing boredom, and making use of any natural aids to training contained on the ground itself. A rough outline of such a session could be as follows in the case of Club "X". This club possesses: (a) Pitch surrounded by a wooden fence: (b) banking used by spectators; (c) one light that illuminates a radius approximately of 100 square yards; (d) a brick wall nearby (the side of a factory building); (e) medicine ball; (f) six skipping ropes; and, of course, footballs. The players arrive at the ground in ones and twos from 5.30 p.m. onwards. Immediately the first three or four are ready, they are sent for a 15 to 20 minutes' road run. Returning to the ground they immediately are given a ball, and with this lap round, or up and down, the playing pitch dribbling and inter-passing, bringing in "game sprinting". This is an exercise very useful for both stamina and ball control and means that one player of the group dribbles the ball along with the others in close attendance for about twenty yards. Suddenly he kicks it forward 10 to 20 yards and everybody sprints for it. The first player getting to the ball carries on in the same way — 5 or 10 minutes of this and they then form two teams for "heading tennis" in the lighted patch, using an area of the fence as a net.

"Heading tennis" can be played in a variety of ways and I shall deal with this in a later issue dealing with "Games for Relaxation", but a coach

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V.A.S.F.A. BULLETIN

RESULTS, SATURDAY, JUNE 12.—Club Secretaries please note! As only 17 matches will be played, results should be telephoned to the Secretary — UY 8347 — between 5 p.m. and 5.30 p.m. The "Sporting Globe" — MF 0211 — should be notified as early as possible.

This instruction applies ONLY to June 12.

CANCELLED MATCHES.—Each week several games are not being played. This matter is being fully investigated by the League Management Committee and the White Eagles and Slovakia Soccer Clubs will appear before the League Committee and the conduct of these clubs will be investigated.

TELEPHONING OF TEAMS TO PRESS.—Fifteen First and Second Division clubs have been fined as teams have not been submitted to the Daily Press as instructed. The generous space provided in the Press must be used and clubs are again asked to co-operate in this regard.

FOURTH DIVISION.—The Hellenic v. Slavia match, June 12, has been postponed until a later date.

—S. Beaton, Sec. V.A.S.F.A., 2 Clendon Rd., Armadale, S.E.3.

Soccer Coaching — Continued

can quite easily think of some or many variations to put on — 10 or 15 minutes of these, and the group passes on to either running up and down the banking or skipping. Five to ten minutes at either of these exercises will find any player ready to "call it a day".

As the player approaches real fitness the period of training can be lengthened by introducing other exercises. This training schedule is one to be adhered to on a Tuesday evening, and space necessitates my omitting one for Thursday evening — until next week.

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MORWELL TIGHTENS GRIP ON LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

In defeating Moe United, Morwell, consisting of 90 per cent. Dutch players, put themselves four clear points ahead of their rivals, A.P.M., who could only draw against the R.A.A.F. Traralgon Tigers at home were trounced by Yallourn, who are reported to have played some of their metropolitan players. Providing they have signed Latrobe Valley Association forms, they are quite in order.

Results Saturday, June 5, were:—Morwell 1 v. Moe United nil. R.A.A.F. 1 v. A.P.M. 1. Tigers 2 v. Yallourn 6.

Owing to a closed camp at R.A.A.F. on June 12 weekend, the game, R.A.A.F. v. Yallourn, has been postponed. Fixtures are A.P.M. v Tigers. Sale United v. Moe United. Friendly game, Yallourn Metro. v. Morwell, at Yallourn on Monday, June 14.

L. V. Carrick Cup team v. "The Rest", played at Morwell, teams are:—Cup team — Messery (A.P.M.); Verdaas (Morwell), Van Herpin (Moe United), Christoff (Yallourn), Kennedy (Tigers), Rooney (A.P.M.), Morrow (R.A.A.F.), Hunt (R.A.A.F.), McCluskey (A.P.M.), McClellend (A.P.M.), Hammond (Moe United). "The Rest" — Crnojive (Sale United), Church (Moe United), Speachy (Sale United), John (Sale United), P. Finn (Moe United), Cocu (Morwell), Krytenberg (Morwell), Foord (Sale United), Terry (R.A.A.F.), Richter (Morwell), Cordona (Moe United). Reserves — Buttons (R.A.A.F.), Van Hogan (Morwell).

LEAGUE TABLES AS AT MONDAY, JUNE 7, 1954.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Morwell	9	8	0	1	19	6	16
A.P.M.	9	5	2	2	30	14	12
Moe United	8	4	2	2	25	7	10
R.A.A.F.	9	2	3	4	14	18	7
Tigers	9	2	3	4	16	26	7
Yallourn	8	3	0	5	19	24	6
Sale United	8	1	0	7	10	25	2

In the game Morwell v. Moe United R. Young, Moe's captain, was ordered off by referee, Mr. Van Der Zalm. This will be the Disciplinary Board's second case this season. Last season they were not called upon once.

ABOUT THE CARRICK CUP!

What about it, Country Associations! Efforts by our Association (Latrobe Valley) to have a conference to discuss this and other matters, have so far failed. We would hate to see the Cup get filled with dust again, so come on you other Country Associations, either do something in the way of a conference or shall we call it the Challenge Cup. We are open for any Country Association to come to the Latrobe Valley and take the Cup if they can.—Frank McIver.

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AROUND THE CLUBS

UPPER YARRA DAM

Our team engaged Ukrainia (one of the trio heading the Fourth Division ladder) at No. 2 Oval Royal Park last Saturday, and the result was our fifth draw for the season — 1-1.

The match was a hard tussle. Both goals were scored during the first half, and the second half was an evenly-swinging battle up and down the field in mutual attempts to gain a deciding goal.

F. Bartacek did excellent goal work for U.Y.D., and the referee deserves our congratulations for his impartial handling of a fairly fast game.

—E. K. Dawson.

SOUTH MELBOURNE RESERVES v. PARK RANGERS RESERVES

Play opened with South Melbourne Reserves kicking against a fair breeze. The ball was sent up and down the field with no definite results. This went on for some time until a well-timed centre was put in from the right wing and was promptly pounced on by the South Melbourne centre-forward, who made no mistake, and opened the score. Half-time scores were: South Melbourne Reserves 1, Park Rangers Reserves 0.

Second half was more like soccer and both sides settled down to some good team-work. Several chances were thrown away owing to players getting offside, and try as they did neither side could find the net.

The game ended without any further scoring. The Park Rangers team played a good, clean game and we say thank you, boys.—"Standby".

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VICTORIAN COLTS TEAM

The following 14 players have been chosen as the nucleus of the Victorian Colts team to play in the Fourth Division under Len Young (V.A.S.F.A. State Coach).

Goal, Slade (Hakoah), Smith (Sunshine United); backs, Peachey (Preston), Eastaway (Park Rangers); halves, Vangelista (Sunshine United), Roberts (Brighton), Petherick (Sunshine United); forwards, Detani (Prahran), Dixon (Prahran), Karpala (Polonia), Sullivan (Hakoah), Zavatier (Juventus), Crompton (St. Kilda Juniors), Van Dolman (Wilhelmina).

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JUNIOR SECTION

ESSENDON UNDER 15

Preston and Essendon (first and second respectively) played an interesting practice match at Fairbairn Park. From the kick-off Preston swung into attack, but by clever anticipation Essendon warded off the determined forwards. However, after 10 minutes Preston netted two quick goals. Caldow scored Essendon's first goal, and Glover, from an acute angle, added another. Preston replied and at half-time the scores were 3-2. After the interval Essendon played much improved football, but from a breakaway, Preston scrambled one through. Then Rackstraw for Essendon drove one through making the score 4-3, and these scores remained the same to the final whistle. It was a good, even game played in a friendly spirit, and when both teams are returned to full strength, they will be close contenders for the premiership. Best players: McColl, Rackstraw, Caldow, Love and Robinson.—B. Matthews.

VICTORIAN JUNIOR NEWS

At our last delegates' meeting the Junior Association were happy to welcome Mr. Len Young, the Association's Coach. His talk and answers to many of the sticky questions put to him were enjoyed by all. We look forward to our future with Mr. Young and feel we shall all learn something from him. Another guest was Mr. Dixon, Editor of "Soccer News", who came under fire on various points. However, many points were cleared up and we shall look forward to seeing Mr. Dixon again.

All the State Trials progress well. The Under 14 Trials start on Sunday, June 13, and all clubs will be notified of the time and place. A maximum of six players are required from each team. Under 15 will take place later.

Around the Leagues results are almost keeping copy book style with no surprises, although Brighton "A" has taken the lead from Box Hill "A" in the Under 14 section. Box Hill officials must be congratulated on their ground markings. How many junior clubs do have the ground marked out properly at the start of the game? Even senior clubs are guilty of not having good markings. And I have only seen one set of nets since we started the season. Now there's nothing in the book about nets, but they are a great help in a game. Also, it all helps the lads to have a ground fully equipped. It's always been my contention that it's a great pity nets are not compulsory.

Just a point on juniors' keenness to play the game. Fairfield has a full-back that travels 45 miles by train every week to play, coming down on Friday night and returning Sunday. Can anyone beat that?

Brighton "B" must be good at packing themselves in a small space. The whole team and manager travel about in one car. Granted, it's a big one, but still 12 people in one car is quite good going.

Finally, to the boys still attending school. Do you have a schoolmate that is anxious to play on a Saturday? If so, then take him along to your club.—Denis Chambers.

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SECRETARY'S NOTES

UNDER 17 METROPOLITAN TEAM CHOSEN

The Chairman of the Under 17 Selection Committee announces the following as the team selected to represent this Association in the forthcoming games against the Central Gippsland Association to be played at Yallourn later in the season, probably July or August:—Goalkeeper, Mannering (St. Kilda); backs: Horowitz (Brighton) and Mole (Sunshine City); half-backs: Drude (Prahran), Evans (Pascoe Vale), and Wittey (Brighton); forwards: Lamont (St. Kilda), Williams (St. Kilda), Delani (Prahran), Sharman (Pascoe Vale), and Crompton (St. Kilda). Reserves: Balish (I.C.I.), Brincou (St. Kilda), and Lewington (Brighton). A series of practise games will be arranged for this team and clubs concerned will be notified of the date and place of such matches.

POLONIA PLAYER RECEIVES 12 WEEKS' SUSPENSION

George Belendorf, of the Polonia Under 20 team, was suspended for 12 weeks by the Executive Council at its last meeting. The player himself failed to attend the hearing, and the case was dealt with in his absence. He received four weeks' suspension on each of the following three charges: Charge 1 — Deliberately kicking player R. Holman, of Sunshine City. Charge 2 — Refusing to give his name to the referee when ordered to do so. Charge 3 — Using bad language to the referee when walking from the field of play when ordered off.

PASCOE VALE PLAYER SEVERELY REPRIMANDED

Playing/manager Mario Camilleri, of Pascoe Vale's Under 20 team, received a severe reprimand by the Executive Council at its last meeting for ungentlemanly conduct on the field of play in match played against Hakoah.

GRANT FROM V.A.S.F.A.

The Executive Council found that it will be unable to send the Victorian Under 20 State team to Adelaide in August to take part in the Interstate Carnival, and the Skolnik Cup, unless more finance is forthcoming. With this in mind, they decided that a further appeal be made to the V.A.S.F.A. Council for an additional grant of £250 to meet all their commitments for the current season. The Junior Association have already received a grant of £100 from the V.A.S.F.A., but this is far from adequate for the programme arranged.

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BRIGHTON JUNIORS

Five very convincing wins and not one goal against, gratifying for all coaches I am sure. Respective scores were: Under 20 — Brighton 1, Sunshine City nil. Under 17 — Brighton 4, Prahran nil. Under 15 — Brighton 3, Moorabbin nil. Under 14 "A" — Brighton 7, Sunshine City nil. Brighton "B" — Brighton 1, Fairfield nil. Under 20's at home were perhaps a trifle unlucky not to score again, but inaccuracy in front, general kicking and clearances, particularly the back line, was poor. Under 17's were too strong overall for their opponents; newcomer, Sergeant, prominent with three goals. Under 15's, now a much better combination, had their first of many victories, we hope. Moorabbin, being weak in forward positions, proved no real danger. Both Under 14 teams were again successful. We might yet see an all Brighton final in this competition. There seems to be an indifferent attitude towards training lately, particularly with older players. Practice is a "must" and every effort should be made to attend.—R.C.H.

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LEAGUE TABLES

AS AT MONDAY, JUNE 7, 1954.

FIRST DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Juventus	10	7	3	0	34	12	17
Hakoah	9	7	1	1	37	16	15
J.U.S.T.	9	6	2	1	32	19	14
Brighton	9	5	2	2	27	16	12
Polonia	9	3	3	3	17	13	9
Footscray City	9	4	0	5	22	32	8
Moreland	9	3	1	5	28	29	7
Prahran	10	2	1	7	16	30	5
Box Hill	10	2	0	8	21	42	4
South Yarra	10	1	1	8	15	41	3

SECOND DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Sunshine City	10	8	1	1	26	10	17
George Cross	10	8	1	1	33	15	17
Yallourn	10	6	3	1	24	8	15
Park Rangers	10	6	1	3	31	22	13
South Melbourne	10	4	2	4	22	23	10
Maccabi	10	4	1	5	27	34	9
Preston	10	3	1	6	14	17	7
Geelong	10	2	3	5	17	21	7
Sunshine United	10	1	1	8	4	27	3
White Eagles	10	1	0	9	12	33	2

THIRD DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Slavia	10	9	1	0	46	7	19
Hellenic	10	8	0	2	37	24	16
F.N.D.	9	6	1	2	29	16	13
Sandringham City	10	5	2	3	23	16	12
Moorabbin City	10	4	2	4	24	28	10
Dandenong	10	4	0	6	19	22	8
Williamstown	9	3	1	5	21	20	7
Fairfield	10	1	3	6	9	25	5
Frankston	10	1	2	7	15	34	4
Coburg United	10	1	2	7	11	42	4

FOURTH DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Maribyrnong	10	7	3	0	34	6	17
Wilhelmina	10	8	1	1	32	9	17
Ukrainia	10	7	2	1	34	10	16
I.C.I.	10	5	2	3	28	15	12
Upper Yarra Dam	10	3	5	2	22	18	11
University	9	3	1	5	13	33	7
Heidelberg	10	3	1	6	18	42	7
Slovakia	10	3	0	7	12	32	6
Nunawading	10	1	1	8	7	35	5

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JUNIOR LEAGUE TABLES

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UNDER 20 DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Sunshine United	6	6	0	0	22	4	12
Juventus	8	6	0	2	33	6	12
Footscray City	9	6	0	3	23	15	12
Brighton	8	5	0	3	18	17	10
Polonia	8	4	1	3	25	14	9
Sunshine City	7	4	0	3	11	9	8
Pascoe Vale	9	4	0	5	17	29	8
Hakoah	8	3	1	4	20	17	7
Box Hill	8	2	2	4	13	26	6
Preston	8	1	0	7	8	31	2
Frankston	7	0	0	7	6	28	0

UNDER 17 DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Brighton	8	8	0	0	28	7	16
Sunshine City	7	7	0	0	27	4	14
Prahran	7	3	2	2	30	13	8
St. Kilda	7	3	1	3	12	13	7
Pascoe Vale	6	3	0	3	11	15	6
Moorabbin City "A"	9	2	2	5	20	29	6
I.C.I. (Deer Park)	7	2	0	5	9	23	4
Sunshine United	7	1	1	5	6	17	3
Box Hill	6	0	2	4	5	14	2
Moorabbin City "B"	2	0	0	2	0	13	0

UNDER 15 DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Preston	9	8	0	1	40	7	16
Sunshine United	7	7	0	0	42	2	14
Essendon	8	6	1	1	31	4	13
Sunshine City	8	5	0	3	34	13	10
Pascoe Vale	8	5	0	3	10	16	10
Box Hill	8	5	1	2	22	5	9
Park Rangers	7	2	0	5	7	25	4
I.C.I. (Deer Park)	7	2	0	5	3	26	4
Brighton	8	2	0	6	4	56	4
Moorabbin City	8	0	0	8	2	41	0

UNDER 14 DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Brighton "A"	9	9	0	0	28	2	18
Prahran	8	7	0	1	55	6	14
Box Hill "A"	9	7	0	2	53	12	14
Moorabbin City	9	6	1	2	34	10	13
Sunshine City	9	4	2	3	10	21	10
Park Rangers	8	4	1	3	15	32	9
Hakoah	9	3	1	5	20	25	7
Brighton "B"	8	2	3	3	4	15	7
South. Melb. United	9	2	0	7	19	32	4
Fairfield	8	2	0	6	7	65	4
Box Hill "B"	8	1	0	7	8	28	2
Coburg United	8	0	0	8	0	0	0

RESERVE LEAGUE TABLES

AS AT MONDAY, JUNE 7, 1954.

FIRST DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Polonia	9	9	0	0	27	3	18
Juventus	10	8	0	2	31	9	16
South Yarra	10	7	1	2	24	14	15
Box Hill	10	5	1	4	19	19	11
Brighton	10	4	2	4	25	19	10
Footscray City	10	4	0	6	27	26	8
I.C.S.T.	10	3	1	6	18	27	7
Hakoah	9	3	1	5	18	35	7
Prahran	10	1	1	8	21	39	3
Moreland	10	1	1	8	17	33	3

SECOND DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
George Cross	9	8	0	1	34	8	16
Sunshine City	10	7	1	2	35	9	15
South Melb. United	10	6	2	2	27	10	14
Geelong	10	6	1	3	17	11	13
Yallourn	10	5	1	4	20	17	11
Park Rangers	10	4	3	3	16	15	11
Preston	10	3	2	5	15	22	8
Sunshine United	9	2	3	5	10	30	6
White Eagles	10	0	2	8	9	32	2
Maccabi	10	1	0	9	8	48	2

THIRD DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Slavia	10	9	0	1	38	10	18
Hellenic	9	8	0	1	35	6	16
Astor	9	7	0	2	36	11	14
Williamstown	10	7	0	3	32	16	14
Dandenong	9	6	0	3	33	10	12
Sandringham City	10	4	1	5	28	24	9
Union Jack	10	3	0	7	19	32	6
Coburg	9	1	1	7	4	32	3
Fairfield	10	0	0	10	8	45	2
Moorabbin City	10	1	0	9	6	62	2

FOURTH DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
St. Albans	10	10	0	0	75	11	20
Bayswater	10	8	0	2	44	12	16
Werribee	10	7	0	3	24	16	14
St. Kilda	10	6	0	4	19	17	12
Maribyrnong	10	5	0	5	18	15	10
Wilhelmina	10	3	1	6	23	38	7
University	10	3	0	7	14	63	6
I.C.I.	10	2	1	7	7	20	5
Heidelberg	10	2	0	8	14	27	4
Nunawading	10	2	0	8	2	13	4

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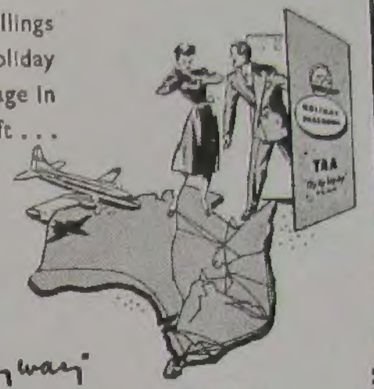

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